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COMMENCEMENT PROCESSION

Lycoming's 102nd Annual Commencement Exercises

The 102nd annual Commencement exercises of Old Lycoming, now a four-year, accredited college, was notable for its wealth of functions, a large attendance of alumni, and stirring addresses. It had also special interest for the alumni and guests in that they returned to celebrate its new status as an accredited four-year, degree-granting institution by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools; also to view the progress made in the erection of the new $300,000 library which will grace the campus opposite Rich Hall, and will be equipped with every feature to insure reading efficiency of the students.

Class Day

Saturday, June 3, was given over to the alumni and to the Senior Class. In the morning Class Day, that time-honored institution of fun and satire, engaged the interest of a large audience, while the Board of Directors were engaged in more weighty affairs. Following a luncheon for the alumni, the organization met in Clarke Memorial Hall for their annual meeting and election of officers. This was followed by a concert by the college band on the campus. Then, at 6 p.m., the annual alumni banquet was held with Dr. Lester A. Welliver, President of Westminster Seminary, as the speaker, followed by a concert by the a capella choir, under the leadership of Walter G. McIver.

The Baccalaureate Service

This annual inspiring service, held at 10:45, June 4, with its colorful procession of faculty and seniors, leading from the college campus to Pine Street Methodist Church, again made its contribution to the spiritual lives of the outgoing students. The speaker was the Rev. Ralph E. Diffendorfer, D.D., LL.D., President of the Japan International Christian University Foundation, Inc. The President, Dr. John W. Long, presided, and the a capella choir sang.

Commencement

Commencement exercises for the 166 graduates were held in the Clarke building in the afternoon of June 4 at 4 o'clock. Dr. Myron F. Wicke, Ph.D., newly-appointed secretary of Educational Institutions of the Methodist Church, delivered the address, from the subject, "Appointment with Destiny." Dr. Long presided, and the a capella choir sang.

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Lycoming College Accredited

The faculty, student body, and alumni and friends of the college have been gratified to learn that on April 28, 1950, the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools placed on the accredited list our beloved college as a full, four year college, with privilege of granting the regular academic degrees, and entitling it to all the privileges and prestige pertaining. The college had already been given warrant to grant degrees by the Pennsylvania State Board of Education, and the University Senate of the Methodist Church.

Ground Broken for The New Library

On Sunday, May 7, ground was broken on the campus for the new $300,000 library. Dr. Long turned the first spadeful of earth; Bishop Charles Wesley Flint, of Washington, D.C., delivered the main address. Local clergymen also took part in the ceremonies, giving the scripture readings, the invocation and benediction. The Lycoming Choir sang, and Robert L. Treese spoke for the student body.

About 300 persons attended, including the faculty, students and visitors. The location of the library, of an architectural design to conform to the general style of the existing college buildings, will be on the campus opposite Rich Hall, and partly on city property which has been acquired. Many plans have been studied, and the faculty and Board of Directors have given much thought to its equipment, so that the final result will be the best in the way of modern library facilities.

The Alumni Annual Meeting

At the annual alumni meeting, held in the Clarke Memorial Chapel, Saturday, June 3, the following officers were elected:

President, Dr. Amos B. Horlacher, Carlisle, Pa.

Vice President, Mr. David F. Knittle, Williamsport.

Recording Secretary, Miss Sarah E. Lehman, Williamsport.

Corresponding Secretary, Rev. Frank W. Ake, Woolrich.

Treasurer, Mrs. Samuel Hutchinson, Williamsport.

The following were elected to the Board of Directors for three years:

Mr. W. Russell Zacharies, Allentown.

Miss Eva Lister Keller, South Williamsport.

Dr. Paul W. Eves, Harrisburg.

Miss Martha Virginia Slate, Williamsport.

Mr. Laurence P. Maynard, Jr., Williamsport.

Rev. Laurence W. Lykens, Montoursville.

Mrs. James Keller, Williamsport, for the Class of 1950.

1950 Summer Session

The first session of Lycoming College's Summer School began June 19 and will run up to July 27. The second session begins July 28 and ends August 31. An excellent variety of courses are offered under the direction of the following instructors: Mental Hygiene, Oliver E. Harris; American Literature and English Composition, Dr. Eric V. Sandin; European, United States, and Pennsylvania History, Robert H. Ewing; Physical Science, Joseph D. Babcock; Psychology, Ned N. Sweitzer; Economics and Business, Samuel Good; Art, Miss Alberta Krebbs; Microbiology, Dr. George S. Shortess. Mr. John P. Graham is director of the summer sessions. Since the school is open to public school teachers working for college credits, and veterans, as well as college students, the enrolment has been most satisfactory.

New Faculty Members and Changes

Miss Florence E. Dewey, who has been instructor in violin and dean of women for the past eight years, has resigned to accept a similar position in Union College, Barbersville, Ky.

The following have been granted leave of absence to pursue work for the doctor's degree: Robert Ewing, history; Harold Hinkelman and John Streeter, business administration.

J. Milton Skeath, who has been on leave of absence from his position as dean of the college to complete work for his doctorate, has been appointed head of the psychology department.

Walter G. McIver, head of the music department, has been promoted from assistant professor to associate professor; Mrs. Virginia Smith has been promoted from instructor to assistant professor. Mrs. Smith's thesis for her master's degree, recently acquired, was on the life and work of Mahlon Fisher, the Williamsport poet and literateur.

Four new members have been appointed to the faculty: Mrs. Mary A. Thursby, library assistant; Miss Doris Coombs, secretarial instructor; Robert C. Vickers, art instructor, and the Rev. Henry Shissler, who will teach the new course in rural sociology and supervise students in ministerial work in rural charges.

New College Courses

Beginning with the fall of 1950 two new courses will be added to the curricual—a Church Workers' Course, and one in Rural Sociology. The purpose of the first is to prepare young men and women to assist pastors in carrying out the work of the church, and will lead to the B.S. degree. The training will concentrate on the problems of rural life and rural communities and will carry college credits.

Oldest Dickinsonian

Mrs. Sally Lloyd Clapp, the oldest graduate of Dickinson Seminary, died at her home in Muncy, Pa., on June 9, at the advanced age of ninety-six. She entered the music department of Dickinson Seminary on January 10, 1877, was a gifted student, and maintained her ability to play the piano and organ up to recent years.

NOTES FROM THE ALUMNI

Editor's Note: It will help the editors expand the columns of personals if alumni report engagements, marriages, births, deaths, special recognition and changes in work and addresses.

1888

Miss Esther Prior, 1000 Hepburn Street, Williamsport, died at her home on February 13, 1950.

1900

New address: Rev. H. J. Schuchart, Penny Farms, Florida.

1918

New address: Keuth W. Robbins, Hotel Lycoming, Williamsport, Pa.

1923

Rev. Raymond Hunter Brown, pastor of the Summerfield Methodist Church, Baltimore, Md., has been appointed Conference Missionary secretary of the Baltimore Conference, by Bishop Charles Wesley Flint.

1930

Address: Mrs. Richard Lee Walker, nee Cynthia Williard, at 9511 49th Ave., Berwyn, Md., Box 207 c-1.

Dr. C. Parke Scarborough, 210 Goodwood Gardens, Roland Park, Md., finished his collegiate work at Pennsylvania State College, and is now a plastic surgeon at the above address.

1932

New address: Rev. Clyde W. Sindy, Upper Tract, West Va.

1935

New address: Mrs. C. F. Hurr (Martha Case), Jersey Shore, R.D.

Miss E. Jane Mencer was married to Leon S. Barndt, October 16, and now lives at 146 E. Fourth St., Bloomsburg, Pa.

Mrs. W. J. Wickert, nee Floyde Williams, now of R.D. 2, Avalon Road, Altoona, Pa., informs us of the tragic death of her husband who was accidentally killed in the Altoona shops on December 21, 1949. We extend to her our sincere sympathy.

1940

New addresses: Mrs. Robert F. Seibert (Nancy Maneval), 49 Russell Ave., Beacon, N. Y.

1941

Mrs. Donald E. McGee, (Norma Linton), 691 Lincoln Ave., Williamsport, Pa.

1942

New addresses: Lt. Robert D. Crooks, 18th Food Service Squadron, APO 74, San Francisco, Calif.

Marshall E. Jennings, 84 Pearl Street, Wellsboro, Pa.

Julian W. Jennings, 201 Southern Avenue, So. Williamsport, Pa.

George Grimsby, Lawyers' Club, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich.

1943

New address: Mrs. Lowell W. Hartman (Dorothy Jean Huntsman), 3623 N. 16th Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

1944

Correct address: Dorothy I. Kehler, Central Y.M.C.A., 1421 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

1945

Bertha Audrey was married on April 8 to Mr. John Jones Buck, '45, at Rising Sun, Md.

1946

Mr. and Mrs. Harold W. Brown, of 115 W. 7th Avenue, So. Williamsport, Pa., announce the marriage of their daughter, Martha Elizabeth, to George T. Rommelt, on June 10.

1947

Mr. and Mrs. William S. Kenderine, of 238 S. State Street, Newton, Pa., announce the engagement of their daughter, Hilda Barbara, to Mr. Ira Rothrock Kerr, Jr., '47, of McVeytown, Pa. Their marriage took place on June 17.

New address: Jerrold J. Gearhart, 227 E. Park St., Lock Haven, Pa.

1948

Mr. and Mrs. David Hawkins, 2250 West Third Street, Williamsport, Pa., announce the engagement of their daughter Shirley to William C. Lynn, '48, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Lynn, 2345 Linn St., Williamsport, Pa.

Miss Ruth J. Lorrah, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Barton Lorrah, 362 Jerome Avenue, Williamsport, was married on June 18 to Norman A. Henry, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. G. Murray Henry, of Williamsport. Miss Lorrah has been a member of the faculty of Delaware City High School, Delaware City, Del. Mr. Henry is a teacher in the Margaret Brent High School, Helen, Md.

The engagement of Miss Lyne Heisley, daughter of Rev. Homer W. Heisley, 604 Market Street, Williamsport, to David R. Maneval, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul D. Maneval, 323 Hughes Street, Williamsport, has been announced. Mr. Maneval attended Lycoming College and was graduated in June from Pennsylvania State College.

Copies of the Constitution of the Alumni Society are now available, and all members are urged to procure a copy which may be obtained by addressing the college.

1949

New address: Alfred L. Wertz, 231 Sycamore Street, Pitsburgh, Pa.

Miss Helen June Marley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Marley, of 808 Main Street, South Williamsport, was married to Daniel Charles Wolfe, son of Frederic Faust, 305 Campbell St., Williamsport, Pa.

1950

Miss Dorothy Shafer, a graduate of Lycoming in June, will be married this summer to Joseph C. London, of Jersey Shore. Miss Shafer resides in Cogan Station.

1951

Miss Ruth A. Bradley, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. A. W. Bradley, of New Castle, Del, was married to William Raymond McKinley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Stone, of Eagles Mere, Pa.

Rev. and Mrs. Ralph W. Wott, 3449 Falls Road, Baltimore, Md., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Luville, to Edward L. Smead 2nd, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Smead, 837 Market St., Williamsport, Pa.

Honor Students

On Commencement Day the following seniors were granted the following distinctive honors, based on scholarship rank and general qualities:

Summa Cum Laude

Jeannette Alice Confer

Magna Cum Laude

Charles Edwin Peterson, Jr.
William F. Caldwell
Pauline Marie Pribble
Robert Luther Treese

Cum Laude

Jacqueline Anita Brouse
Doloris A. Good
Morris F. Good
Earl Guilford Guyer, Jr.
Gertrude Virginia Herlt
Milo J. Ireland
Robert James Reuther
Harold R. Shreckengast
Stanley William Wharton

Dr. Diffendorfer's Baccalaureate Sermon

Dr. Ralph E. Diffendorfer, president of the Japan International Christian Foundation, delivered a notable sermon before the graduating class, held on Sunday, June 4, in Pine Street Methodist Church. The topic was, "On Being Astonished."

The astonishment referred to was exhibited by the people in Palestine on hearing the doctrines propounded by Christ. These people, scribes, pharisees, the military clique, the rich exploiters, were accustomed to a selfish code of living, getting "theirs", and enjoying all the negative qualities of hate, recrimination, and greed. Christ threw dynamite into all that by preaching the doctrine that the only way to happiness and eternal welfare was through "sacrificial love." This revolutionary idea thoroughly astonished them. They could not understand it. His enemies believed that this curious notion would die with his crucifixion, but instead it has become the greatest force in the world.

Dr. Diffendorfer then pointed out that the situation today is similar to that in Christ's times, and that the only solvent for the woes of the world, and for settlement of the problems of war and peace is through the widespread adoption and practice of "sacrificial love."

Receive Fellowships

Three Lycoming graduates of Class of 1950 were honored with fellowships. Jeanette Confer and Earl Guyer will enter the graduate school at Penn State while Harold Barto will matriculate at Rutgers University. These are the first four year graduates of Lycoming to be thus honored by other educational institutions.

New Dean of Women Named

To succeed Miss Florence Dewey as Dean of Women at Lycoming College who has accepted a similar position at Union College, Barbourville, Kentucky, Mrs. Howard Miller was elected at a recent meeting of the Executive Committee of Lycoming College. Mrs. Miller for the last five years has been Dean of Women at Edinboro State Teachers College and comes to Lycoming College highly recommended for the position.

CAMPUS NOTES

The second of two scholarships given displaced persons by Lycoming College has been awarded to Hillar-Endel Leetma, who has been sponsored by the Lutheran Student Association at the college and the Lutheran World Federation. Mr. Leetma is a native of Moisakula, Esthonia.

A third scholarship was awarded at the recent meeting of the Board of Directors to Miss Inta Janners, a Latvian D.P., who was born at Riga, Latvia. She now resides at Millville, Pa., and is recommended by Rev. John A. Hoover.

Owen E. Landon, Jr., '47, now a junior in the arts and letters course at Pennsylvania State College, has been appointed business manager of the Penn State Daily Collegian, campus newspaper. He is also co-captain of the college tennis team. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Owen E. Landon, Sr., 500 Grampian Boulevard, Williamsport.

Howard Thompson, Dickinson Seminary, '32, Dickinson Junior College, '34, who has been serving as assistant to Vice President Asa Knowles and assistant to the executive director of the greater Cornell Committee, has been elected a vice president of The American University. He was graduated from this university in 1936, and received his A.M. from Columbia University in 1941. He will be remembered as the toastmaster at the Greater Lycoming Banquet last February.

Guest Day, May 13, was one of the most successful ever held at Lycoming. Invitations were extended to high school seniors in this area, to the alumni and friends of the college. The visitors looked over the buildings and grounds, talked with members of the faculty, and were given a luncheon. In the afternoon the colorful crowning of Queen of the May was held in the gymnasium, featured by an interesting ritual, and an exhibition of various types of folk dances. Marjorie Ferrell, '50, was the Queen.

Edward B. Fagan, 463 William Street, Williamsport, has left college to enlist in the Navy. He plans to take entrance examinations for the U. S. Naval Academy in Annapolis to complete his law studies.

In the annual Rich Oratorical Contest held May 3, the first prize went to Joan Danneker, daughter of Charles A. Danneker, 1210 Cherry Street, Williamsport, for her oration on "Communism." The second prize went to George Kibbe, 1700 Sherman Street, Williamsport, for his speech on "A Layman's Interpretation of the Lord's Prayer." A preliminary had been held in assembly the day previous when, by student vote, the contestants were limited to three. The winners are both Freshmen in the college.

Dr. Long was present, as President of Lycoming College, among the representatives of over 200 colleges and universities, at the inauguration of Dr. Horace A. Hildreth, as the ninth president of Bucknell University.

Dr. Herbert E. Ketcham, chairman of the department of foreign languages, recently published his doctoral thesis, entitled, "Nature of Old and Middle French Poetry, and the first poet of the Renaissance." The work took him fifteen years.

Prof. Roger E. Cogswell, instructor in French at the college, will spend a month this summer in Boston to do editorial work for Ginn and Co., textbook publishers. He has been engaged to prepare for publication a textbook in French which was translated from the original Spanish by a Belgian writer.

Joseph D. Babcock, assistant professor of physics, was initiated into Signa Pi Sigma, national physics honor society.

Martha Joan Evenden Married to Charles S. Stoever

On June 10, Martha Joan Evenden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Evenden, 107 Parkwood Street, Williamsport, was married to Mr. Charles S. Stoever, son of Mrs. J. Wilson Stoever, 511 West Fourth Street, Williamsport. The nuptials took place in the St. Mark's Lutheran Church, this city.

Both bride and groom are graduates of the Dickinson Junior College, and for some time Miss Evenden has been the efficient secretary to the Treasurer of Lycoming College. Mr. Stoever, also a graduate of the Babson Institute at Wellesley, Mass., is now controller of L. L. Stearns and Sons, Williamsport.

Kathrine R. Woolever Married to Robert B. Shimer

Miss Katherine Woolever, the genial and able editor of the LYCOMING BULLETIN, and general publicity representative of the college, was married April 15 to Robert Beck Shimer, of Milton, Pa. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Bruce Woolever, 326 N. Montour Street, Montoursville, Pa., and Mr. Shimer is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold L. Shimer, 240 Broadway, Milton. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Charles F. Himes, pastor of the Woolrich Methodist Church, and the Rev. Lawrence W. Lykens of the Montoursville Methodist Church.

Miss Naomi Woolever, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Miss M. Joan Evenden, secretary to the treasurer of the college, was bridesmaid, and Charles W. Yerkes, Jr., Williamsport, was best man. Mr. Shimer is a graduate of Mercersburg Academy, and Bucknell University. He served with the Navy for three years during World War II, and is now assistant treasurer of the Samuel J. Shimer and Sons firm of Milton. The bride and groom, after a honeymoon in the South, are now living at 437 North Front Street, Milton.

A New Alma Mater

A year ago at this time the President of Lycoming College offered a prize to the person who would compose a composition to be worthy of becoming the new Alma Mater of the new Lycoming College. A number of manuscripts have been received and considered. Because of the importance of such a decision, however, it seems advisable to request that additional manuscripts be submitted. It is hoped that many others will send in compositions for this contest. The final choice of the new Alma Mater will be made by the faculty and student body of Lycoming College.

It is reasonable to suppose that whenever Lycoming teams compete the fight song *"Hail Lycoming Warriors,"* composed by Richard Wolf of the Class of 1950, will add greatly to the enthusiasm of our teams.

May Queen Weds

Miss Marjorie Ann Ferrell, a graduate of Lycoming College in the 1950 graduating class, and chosen this year to be May Queen, was married Saturday, June 24, to Mr. Robert Benson Jones, in the Picture Rocks Methodist Church. On their return from a honeymoon they will reside in LeRoy, New York, where the groom is employed.

Mrs. Ray Lander, Jr., formerly Magaret Fowler, and former instructor in physical education at Lycoming, announces the birth of Thomas Raymond Lander, May 19.